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SUBJECT: VOA CLOSURE - FSL UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

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UPON RECEIPT OF REFTEL, EMBOFFS TOOK DEPARTMENT'S DRAFT LETTER TO MOFA FOR DISCUSSION WITH REPS FROM LABOR MINISTRY, MOFA LEGAL AFFAIRS DIV AND FIRST NORTH AMERICA DIV. JAPANESE SIDE INDICATED THERE WERE SEVERAL CHANGES IT WOULD WANT TO PROPOSE IN U.S. TEXT AND THAT IT WOULD SOON PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH ITS AMENDED VERSION FOR TRANSMITTAL TO WASHINGTON. IN CHECKING ON PROGRESS, EMBASSY WAS FIRST INFORMED BY MOFA THAT ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES HAD CAUSED SHORT DELAY, BUT ON CHECKING AGAIN, WAS TOLD BY FIRST NORTH AMERICA DIVISION (TADASHI IMAI) THAT LEGAL DIV'S POSITION THAT LETTER FORMAT STILL RESEMBLED TREATY TOO CLOSELY WAS CAUSING ADDITIONAL DELAY. IMAI GAVE OPINION THAT THIS RESISTANCE COULD BE OVERCOME BUT DID NOT SAY WHEN. HE ALSO ASKED FOR TEXT OF DEPT REGS GOVERNING INCLUSION OF FLS'S IN FOREIGN GOVERNMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS. WE FURNISHED RELEVANT POSITIONS OF A-1496 OF MAR 15, 1976. WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW UP AND REPORT DEVELOPMENTS.

COMMENT: CAUTION WITH WHICH FOREIGN MINISTRY APPROACHING WHAT SHOULD BE MINOR ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTION INDICATIVE OF EXTREME GOJ SENSITIVITY TOWARDS ANY OKINAWA-RELATED
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ISSUE, PARTICULARLY ONE SUCH AS VOA WITH DIRECT LINKS

TO REVERSION AGREEMENT WHICH COULD LATER LEAD TO
EMBARRASSING QUESTIONING BY OPPOSITION PARTIES IN DIET.
END COMMENT.
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